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### STANDARD CERTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED CANOGA AVENUE BRIDGE OVER LOS ANGELES RIVER, BRIDGE # 53C-1116 PROJECT (CORPS' PROJECT NO. 2002-01438-PJF), LOS ANGELES RIVER, CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY (FILE NO. 02-105)

Dear Mr. See:

Regional Board staff has reviewed your request on behalf of the City of Los Angeles (the Applicant) for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the above-referenced project. Your application was deemed complete on October 8, 2002.

I hereby certify that any discharge from the Canoga Avenue Bridge over Los Angeles River, Bridge # 53C-1116 Project, as proposed and described in Attachment A, if performed in accordance with all applicable water quality objectives, prohibitions, and policies set forth in the *Water Quality Control Plan, Los Angeles Region* (1994), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Attachment B, will comply with the applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements, including the provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act.

The Applicant shall be liable civilly for any violations of this certification in accordance with the California Water Code. This certification does not eliminate the Applicant's responsibility to comply with any other applicable laws, requirements and/or permits.

Should you have questions concerning this certification action, please contact Jason Lambert, Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-5733.

[Original Signed By:]

[November 1, 2002]

Dennis A. Dickerson

Date

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## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Project Information**

**File No. 01-000**

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### Project Information File No. 02-105

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2. Applicant's Agent: Francisco Rangel  
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Phone: (213) 847-5582 Fax: (213) 847-5633
3. Project Name: Canoga Avenue Bridge over Los Angeles River, Bridge # 53C-1116  
Project
4. Project Location: City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
Latitude: 34° 11' 43'; Longitude: 118° 35' 47"
5. Type of Project: Bridge widening and retrofitting
6. Project Description: *Purpose:* The purpose of the proposed project is to replace and rehabilitate the existing bridge at Canoga Avenue over the Los Angeles River. This will improve the bridge's Sufficiency Rating to meet current State and Federal Standards.  
  
*Description:* The Bridge will be widened by 9-feet and 6-inches to the west. This will cause the widening of the abutments and a center pier. This will require the removal of some existing concrete channel lining and excavation along the banks of the channel where the abutments are located and in the center on the channel where the center pier is located.
7. Federal Agency/Permit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
NWP No. 14 and 33 (Permit No. 2002-01438-PJF)

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| 8. Other Required Regulatory Approvals:                              | California Department of Fish and Game<br>Streambed Alteration Agreement (Notification No. R5-2002-0041)   |
| 9. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance:           | The proposed project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities).   |
| 10. Receiving Water:   | Los Angeles River (Hydrologic Unit No. 405.21)   |
| 11. Designated Beneficial Uses:                                      | MUN, GWR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, and WILD   |
| 12. Impacted Waters of the United States:                            | Non-wetland waters (Concrete lined Channel): 0.05 temporary acres  |
| 13. Dredge Volume:   | None   |
| 14. Related Projects Implemented/to be Implemented by the Applicant: | <p>The Applicant has identified the following projects that are planned for implementation in the next 5 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• De Soto Avenue Bridge over Los Angeles River, Bridge No. 53C-1151</li><li>• Reseda Blvd. Bridge over Los Angeles River, Bridge Nos. 53C-0062</li></ul> |
| 15. Avoidance/ Minimization Activities:                              | <p>The Applicant has proposed to implement several Best Management Practices, including, but not limited to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Erosion control techniques include silt fences, hay bales, and sand bags;</li></ul>  |

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- Construction operations will take place in the dry seasons or when there is little or no flow in the channel,
- Any flow within the channel during the construction will be diverted away to attain a dry work environment, and
- Construction equipment shall be properly maintained to prevent pollution from entering the channel.

16. Compensatory  
Mitigation:

The Applicant has not proposed any compensatory mitigation, and this agency will not require any.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **Conditions of Certification File No. 02-105**

#### **STANDARD CONDITIONS**

Pursuant to §3860 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (23 CCR), the following three standard conditions shall apply to this project:

1. This certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to §13330 of the California Water Code and Article 6 (commencing with 23 CCR §3867).
2. This certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility and requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to 23 CCR Subsection 3855(b) and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. Certification is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required pursuant to 23 CCR Chapter 28 and owed by the Applicant.